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### BD-STEPS Occupational Survey

The Birth Defects Study to Evaluate Pregnancy exposureS (BD-STEPS) is a study to discover clues about what causes birth defects. You previously completed a phone interview about experiences during your pregnancy. This questionnaire asks you additional questions about your experiences during the same pregnancy.

The questionnaire will take about 20 minutes. It includes questions about working in a call center, phone bank, or as a dispatcher. Some women may find it emotionally difficult to discuss their pregnancies. There is no other likely risk to taking this survey. Completing this questionnaire will not benefit you or your family directly; however, the findings may help to prevent birth defects in the future.

You can choose not to participate. The decision not to participate will not affect the care or services you or your family receives.

You are free to stop the questionnaire at any time.

We plan to share your questionnaire information with other researchers involved in this study. Information will only be used for research and it will be kept confidential. It will only be shared after appropriate approvals are obtained by the study's Data Sharing Committee and human research protection committees. We will never use any names or addresses in reports or publications.

If you have any concerns about the study or how it is conducted, you may contact [Shannon Pruitt at 404-498-1616](#). If you have questions about your rights as a subject in this research study, please call the Office of the Deputy Associate Director for Science for CDC at 1-800-584-8814. Leave a message including your name and telephone number, and refer to Protocol #2087, and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Do you wish to participate in the online survey?

\* must provide value

Yes

No

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You may wish to print this screen for your records. Would you like us to mail you a paper copy of the consent?

Yes

No

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#### SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

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#### CALL CENTER, PHONE BANK, OR DISPATCHER

*The next set of questions will be about working in a call center, phone bank, or as a dispatcher.*

Did you start or stop working in the month before you became pregnant or the first three months of your pregnancy?

Yes, I started a new job

Yes, I stopped working at this job

No

Don't know

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During the month before you became pregnant through the third month of your pregnancy, did you ask if your work duties could be changed or reduced?

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During the month before you became pregnant through the third month of your pregnancy, how many shifts per week and how many hours per shift did you typically work at this job?

Shifts (days) per week:

+ Don't know

Hours per shift (day):

+ Don't know

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Of the hours you worked in each shift, how many did you typically spend:

Hours sitting per shift:

+ Don't know

Hours standing in one place per shift:

+ Don't know

Hours on your feet, but walking or moving around per shift:

+ Don't know

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What was your main shift?

- Day shift (most hours fell between 8 am and 4 pm)
- Evening shift (most hours fell between 4 pm and midnight)
- Night shift (most hours fell between midnight and 8 am)
- Rotating shifts (mix of day, evening, and/or night shifts)
- Other

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#### CALL CENTER, PHONE BANK, OR DISPATCHER

At work, on average, how many times per day did you lift or carry objects that weigh 15 pounds or more? For reference, 15 pounds is about the weight of 2 gallons of milk.

- < 1 time per day
- 1-5 times per day
- 6-10 times per day
- 11-20 times per day
- > 20 times per day
- Don't know

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At work, on average, how many times per day did your job involve bending at the waist? This includes bending forward or stooping, bending to the side, and twisting.

- < 1 time per day
- 1-25 times per day
- 26-50 times per day
- 51-75 times per day
- >75 times per day
- Don't know

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During the month before you became pregnant through the third month of your pregnancy, how many times per day were you permitted to take bathroom breaks at work?

- None
- 1
- 2-3
- 4-5
- As many as I needed/very flexible
- Don't know

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**CALL CENTER, PHONE BANK, OR DISPATCHER**  
For the following list of words, please respond with 'yes' if the word describes your job, 'no' if it doesn't, or 'can't decide' if you aren't sure.

	Yes	No	Can't decide
Demanding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pressured	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hectic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Calm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relaxed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Many things stressful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pushed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Irritating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Under control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nerve-wracking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hassled	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comfortable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More stressful than I'd like	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smooth running	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overwhelming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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#### CALL CENTER, PHONE BANK, OR DISPATCHER

During the month before you became pregnant through the third month of your pregnancy, did you find it difficult to take time off work for prenatal visits?

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Please add any comments, concerns and/or suggestions about this survey you may wish to share with us.

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**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!**

*If you are finished with the survey, please click the "Submit" button below.*

You may now exit the browser.

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